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Treasure New and Old Matthew 13:52 C. Gordon Wolcott

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We have seen, scattered throughout Scripture, the pattern of the make-up of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom environment on earth includes believers; outside are the unbelievers, until they see and act on the opportunity to draw closer. In the environmental outskirts, immediately outside of its walls, are those whom Jesus labeled 30-fold believers, those having seen that Jesus has pointed out a better way to live - external righteousness. Inside the walls are the 60 and 100-fold.

The 60-fold have gone further and accepted the Word of God as their guide for right thoughts and desires, and their souls have been implanted with Christ's immortal and glorified physical seed. They are accepted as citizens of Christ's earthly Kingdom. They and the 100-fold are working to follow Christ - Christians, by definition.

The 100-fold have progressed further yet and have proven their dedication to the extent of becoming worthy for a total purification of soul (desire), by the consuming Fire of Holy Spirit Baptism. They are made acceptable for citizenship in the heavenly Kingdom of Christ, for as long as they adequately maintain their purity.

We read that only the pure in heart shall see God. We also read Christ's Revelation for us in His Letter to the Church of Ephesus (meaning those who desire), in which He declares that the first or primary Love has been usurped. He warns of the need to return to loving Him and His plan first and above all. Here, He is speaking to many in the 60-fold as well as the 100-fold, to those whose desires are strong. We look at the myriad church assemblies of our generation and easily understand there are more of their members in the 60-fold than 100-fold, so He must have spoken to people in both folds.

We have seen God's pattern of requiring proof of faithfulness in each new assignment, by an adequate

period of testing before acceptance. We can then realize that there remains very little time, perhaps not at all enough for most to prepare for their valid Holy Spirit Baptism and its subsequent proving before the Firstfruits rapture - if that is to be Apr. 18-19, 1986. Yet from Rev. 2, there seems to be the possibility of even a last minute, valid Holy Spirit Baptism and whatever proving the Lord will require, if returning to the priority of love for Him can be equated to purity. True repentance in change of direction and cleansing by His immortal blood might indeed adequately prepare for His utter purification by the Fire of His Spirit.

What is the measure of enough time, assuming the Bride Company of 144,000 Firstfruits is to be taken in the middle of April, 1986? We can go to the Great Pyramid of Gizeh and its patterns of time sequence in the events planned by the Lord. The King's Chamber there is proportioned precisely in the pattern of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

When the High Priest (100-fold) entered the Holiest Place, he had to have been washed, sprinkled with blood from the slain lamb and then completely re-clothed in white. In the Holiest Place, he had physically returned to the primary and priority Love and Lover. The King's Chamber portion relating to the Tabernacle Holy of Holies (the most set apart of the set apart) is 137 inches in length. In the Pyramid, each inch is used to represent a year, but the Lord has also spoken of taking a day for representing a year - where it is suitable.

In this 137 inches, we are shown the short-term duration of "travel" on earth within the Most Holy Place. If the Firstfruits are indeed taken April 18-19, as still seems most likely, the preceding 137 days are of exceeding great importance for anyone yearning to participate in the company which specially loves our Lord and Savior. The same pattern would hold true for those yearning to particpate in the Harvest rapture 3 1/2 years later.

If we properly relate return to the first priority Love or Lover with taking on a dedication to purity and a 137 day period of virgin living before the Lord, virgin in all respects - physical, mental-emotional and verbal, with traverse of the Most Sacred third of the Great Pyramid's King's Chamber, there is the distinct possibility, even yet, of qualifying for the Bride Company. Still, even aside from that, it would be highly beneficial for anyone to live in purity, as least between Dec. 2, 1985, and April 19, 1986.

If you are ambitious and specially love the Lord, you would do well in the short period ahead to forego giving in to the carnal drive, to control thoughts into what delights our Lord, to regulate desire into a sharp focus on things leading or supporting others to and into more Truth, and to carefully manage everything spoken so all may become a praise for Christ. It is a relatively small personal sacrifice, if any really, to carry on in purity during these four months. Surely a short four months of total dedication is not too much to expect from those who do love Him!

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Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with all of your being, with all your mind and with all your strength. Secondly, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. And the Scribe said to Him, Excellently answered, Teacher! You have said truly that He is One and there is no other. To love Him out of all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength and to love one's neighbor as one's self is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And Jesus said to him, You are not far from the Kingdom of God! (Mark 12:29-34)